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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Masayuki KURANO et al

Serial No. : 09/921,319

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: MICROACTUATOR DEVICE WITH A COUNTERMEASURE FOR PARTICLES

ON A CUT FACE THEREOF

Art Unit

: 2834

Examiner : T. M. Dougherty

RESPONSE - 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2002, the shortened one-month term for response to which expires on October 5, 2002.

ELECTION:

Applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 10-15 and 17. for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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